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Application No. 10/043,276)	Group Art Unit: 2811
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METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING)	
THE SAME)	

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Each item of information contained in this IDS was cited in an Office Communication issued by the Japanese Patent Office on March 31, 2004 in a counterpart Japanese patent application. A copy of the Japanese Office Communication is enclosed for the Examiner's

consideration along with an English-language translation thereof. The cited Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 2000-195891 was submitted in an earlier Information Disclosure Statement and thus is not included herein.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449. Copies of the listed documents are attached. The relevance of the non-English language documents JP 9-64050 and JP 5-152448 may be ascertained from the English-language translation of the communication from the Japanese Patent Office.

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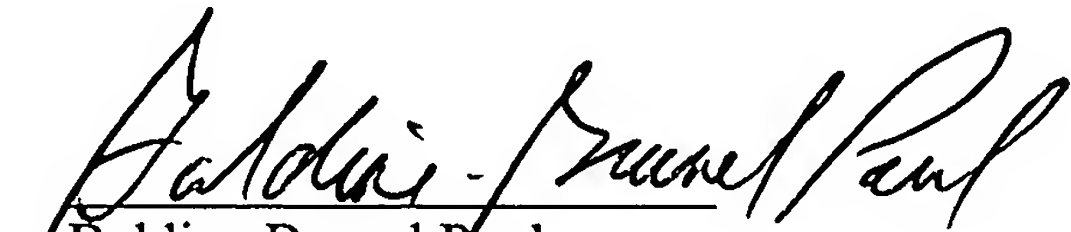
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